

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 12, 19, 25, 30 and 32 have been amended. Claims 1-39 remain in the application. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be allowed and forwarded on to issuance.

**Response to Advisory Action**

In the Advisory Action dated November 5, 2004, the Office advises that Applicant's previous arguments over Partharathy are not persuasive because, *inter alia*, the claim language does not reflect that the user specified directories are specified by inputting or selecting a path name of the directory. Applicant does not believe that such a recitation is necessary because the term "user-designated" appears to be, on its face, unambiguous in its meaning. Simply put, Partharathy neither discloses nor suggests any such feature.

Nonetheless, and in an effort to advance prosecution in this matter, Applicant has made minor clarifying amendments to the claims in an attempt to compromise with the Office. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments are clarifying in nature and do not narrow the subject matter of these claims.

**The § 102 Rejections**

Claims 1-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,347,398 to Parthasarathy et al. (hereinafter "Parthasarathy").

## The Claims

**Claim 1** has been amended and recites a method of processing a multi-media editing project comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

- generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a multi-media editing project, the request being generated by a user computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are maintained in a network-accessible location;
- intercepting the request;
- ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking one or more user-designated directories for the multi-media file, *wherein said one or more user-designated directories can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more user-designated directories*;
- retrieving the multi-media file if the file is located on the user computer; and
- seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location if the multi-media file is not located on the user computer.

In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment, the claim is now in condition for allowance.

**Claims 2-11** depend from claim 1 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

**Claim 12** has been amended and recites a method of processing a multi-media editing project comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

- maintaining information on a local computer that comprises part of a network having multiple computers, said information being associated with multi-media files that are maintained in a network-accessible location and that can be temporarily stored on the local computer's hard drive; and
- responsive to a request to retrieve a multi-media file from the network-accessible location, using the information to attempt to locate the requested file on the local computer's hard drive in one or more user-designated directories before attempting to retrieve the file in the network-accessible location, *wherein said one or more user-designated directories can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more user-designated directories.*

In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment, the claim is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 13-18 depend from claim 12 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Claim 19 has been amended and recites one or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to [added language appears in bold italics]:

- maintain a list on a local computer that comprises part of a network having multiple computers, said list being used to determine which local user-designated directories have been used in the past, or are currently being used to stored multi-media files that are maintained in a network-accessible location, *wherein said user-designated directories can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said user-designated directories;* and

- responsive to a request to retrieve a multi-media file from the network-accessible location, use the list to first attempt to locate the requested file on the local computer's hard drive.

In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment, the claim is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 20-24 depend from claim 19 and are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Claim 25 has been amended and recites a method of processing a multi-media editing project comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

- receiving one or more multi-media files from a network-accessible location;
- locally storing the one or more multi-media files in a local user-designated directory on a user computer for use in a multi-media editing project, *wherein said user-designated directory can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said user-designated directory*;
- updating a list of local user-designated directories that contain or have contained multi-media files in the past in the event that the one or more multi-media files are stored in a local user-designated directory that is not contained in the list;
- responsive to receiving a request for a multi-media file that is maintained in the network-accessible location;
- first checking in all of the local user-designated directories on the list of local user-designated directories for the requested file; and
- second checking the network-accessible location for the requested file in the event the requested file is not found locally.

1 In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to  
2 Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment,  
3 the claim is now in condition for allowance.

4 Claims 26-29 depend from claim 25 and are allowable as  
5 depending from an allowable base claim.

6 Claim 30 has been amended and recites one or more computer-  
7 readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which,  
8 when executed by a computer, cause the computer to [added language  
9 appears in bold italics]:

- 10 • maintain a list of local user-designated directories that are or  
11 have been used to store multi-media files on a local user  
12 computer, the multi-media files being accessible from a  
13 network storage location, *wherein said user-designated  
directories can be designated by a user specifying a path  
name for said user-designated directories;*
- 14 • generate a request for a multi-media file that is accessible  
15 from a network storage location, the request being intended  
16 for use in retrieving a multi-media file from the network  
accessible storage location;
- 17 • intercept the request;
- 18 • ascertain a requested file from the request;
- 19 • first, determine whether the requested file is locally available  
20 by checking all of the local user-designated directories  
maintained on the list and retrieve the requested file from a  
local user-designated directory if the file is locally  
maintained;
- 21 • second, seek the requested file from the network storage  
location if the file is not locally maintained;
- 22 • store the requested file in a local user-designated directory if  
the requested file is retrieved from the network storage  
location; and
- 23 • update the list to reflect the local user-designated directory if  
24 the local user-designated directory in which the requested  
25 file is stored is not on the list.

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2 In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to  
3 Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment,  
4 the claim is now in condition for allowance.

5 Claim 31 depends from claim 30 and is allowable as depending  
6 from an allowable base claim.

7 Claim 32 has been amended and recites a multi-media editing  
8 system comprising [added language appears in bold italics]:

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- 10 • a multi-media file locator object configured to intercept  
11 network-bound requests for multi-media files and determine  
12 whether requested files are locally maintained on a user  
13 computer in one or more user-designated directories,  
14 *wherein said one or more user-designated directories can  
15 be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one  
16 or more user-designated directories;* and
  - 17 • a list associated with the file locator object and referencing  
18 local user-designated file directories on the user computer  
19 where multi-media files are stored, the list being used by the  
20 file locator object to determine whether requested files are  
21 locally maintained on the user computer.

22 In addition to maintaining its previous position with respect to  
23 Partharathy, Applicant submits that, in view of this clarifying amendment,  
24 the claim is now in condition for allowance.

25 Claims 33-39 depend from claim 32 and are allowable as  
depending from an allowable base claim.

#### Conclusion

1 All of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly,  
2 Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the  
3 Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a  
4 Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for  
5 the purpose of scheduling an interview.  
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7 Respectfully submitted,

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